TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2775 - HB 3149

February 28, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits an individual from coercing, compelling, or forcing any licensed hospital to violate any individual's free exercise of religion or religious beliefs. A violation is a Class A misdemeanor offense.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health will enforce the provisions of the bill through complaint investigations. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities will conduct any necessary rulemaking during regularly scheduled Board meetings without an increase in meeting expenditures.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-216, the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities is required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board had balances of \$594,768.55 in FY10-11 and \$392,654.16 in FY09-10.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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